



Operations Support Services Division
P.O. Box 942702
Sacramento, CA 94229-2702
TTY for Speech and Hearing Impaired: (916) 795-3240
(916) 795-3003, FAX (916) 795-4607

February 15, 2011

AGENDA ITEM 3a

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BENEFITS AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- I. SUBJECT:** 2011 Retired Member Election - Notice of Election and Schedule of Events
- II. PROGRAM:** Administration
- III. RECOMMENDATION:** Staff Recommends the CalPERS Board of Administration Approve the Notice of Election and Schedule of Events for the 2011 Retired Member Election.

IV. ANALYSIS:

Staff is preparing to conduct an election for the Retired Member seat on the CalPERS Board of Administration for the term expiring January 15, 2012. Under provisions of the Public Employees' Retirement Law, Government Code section 20090(g) (5), there will be an election conducted for:

1. A member elected by the Retired members of the System. The incumbent is Henry Jones.

The proposed Notice of Election (Attachment A) and Schedule of Events (Attachment B) for this election are attached for your approval.

In the Notice of Election there is a change to the Retired member language regarding voter eligibility dates. The current language states:

"Retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) whose effective date of retirement is on or before July 1, 2011 are eligible to vote in this election. If a runoff election is needed, retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) whose effective date of retirement is on or before October 1, 2011 are eligible to vote in this runoff election."

The new language will state:

“Retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) whose names appear on the System’s retirement rolls for the month of June, 2011 (received a retirement benefit payment dated July 1, 2011,) are eligible to vote in this election. If a runoff election is needed, retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) whose names appear on the System’s retired rolls for the month of September, 2011 (received a retirement benefit payment dated October 1, 2011) are eligible to vote in this runoff election.”

During a normal election cycle the data for a runoff election is pulled mid-September. However, due to the implementation of the Pension System Resumption (PSR) Project, the data used for this eligibility date will need to be pulled on August 30, 2011. Beginning September 1, 2011, through September 18, 2011, the CalPERS systems will be shut down in order to convert data from our current Legacy systems to the new myCalPERS system. Even though the data is being requested two weeks earlier, eligible voters will not be missed. Those members appearing on the system’s retirement rolls for the month of September 2011, and receiving a retirement benefit payment October 1, 2011, will receive a ballot.

This change in language will allow Board Election staff to provide the vendor accurate data for this election while preventing the possibility of data conversion errors from Legacy to myCalPERS.

V. STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item is not a specific product of the Strategic Plan, but is part of the regular and ongoing workload of the Operations Support Services Division.

VI. RESULTS/COSTS:

The total estimated cost to conduct both a primary and runoff election is approximately \$1,135,200 for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Funds are included in the current year budget to begin the election and additional funds will be requested through the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget process.

The new Board Member’s term of office will be effective January 16, 2012, through January 15, 2016, in accordance with the Public Employees’ Retirement Law.

Members of the Benefits and Program Administration Committee
February 15, 2011

KIM MALM, Chief
Operations Support Services Division

RUSSELL FONG
Interim Assistant Executive Officer
Administrative Services Branch

Attachments